

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 8/21/01)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Colonial Services Board / Annual Performance Contract

Background

Section 37.1-195 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, requires every locality to establish a community services board (CSB). These boards oversee the delivery of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services. York County has been served by the Colonial Services Board since the enactment of the law in 1968. James City County and the Cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson are the other member localities of this regional Board. Section 37.1-197(A)(2) requires every local government to adopt an annual performance contract with its community services board.

The offices for Colonial CSB are physically located within the County and York serves as fiscal agent. However, the Colonial CSB operates as a distinct and fully separate entity from York County government and has its own employees, policies and procedures. This is a locally administered, state-supervised agency which falls under the auspices of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS).

The governing bodies of each of the localities in the service delivery area appoint representatives to a 15-member board of directors that provides the local supervision for the Services Board. Representation is based on population and York County appoints six members. There is currently one vacancy and the Board will consider candidates to fill this seat on August 21st. The current members are:

- Everett D. Allaman
- Michael J. Canty
- Jerry P. Coffman
- Barrent M. Henry
- Anne B. Smith

The Commonwealth and the individual localities share funding. York County approves the annual CSB allocation each year in the regular budget cycle. The County's FY2002 approved funding is \$437,785.

Current Issues and Considerations

There is an annual Performance Contract that is developed by the Commonwealth but executed between the CSBs and local governments. The 1998 General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia to

require local governing bodies to review this Contract and authorize its execution. Accordingly, the Board will find the Performance Contract between York County and the CSB attached.

A committee comprised of local government officials and attorneys, as well as CSB directors, met throughout the winter and spring with the DMHMRSAS Commissioner and his staff to work on the content of the contract. Anne Smith, York's Community Services Director, is a member of that committee. The attached Performance Contract is a result of those efforts.

Recommendation

Although local governments must continue to press the Commonwealth for better funding and more favorable programming in the mental health environment, this contract is considered reasonable, and staff does not believe that further gains can be made in this particular document. I am therefore recommending that the Board authorize approval and execution of the annual Community Services Board Performance Contract for FY 2002.

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Attachments:

- Resolution R01- 147
- CSB Annual Performance Contract